PART XI.—FORESTS, &c., IN CHARGE OF REVENUE OFFICERS.

1. The Forest Department should exercise no interference with cultivated lands within forest reserves in the Godhra Táluka of the Panch Maháls District.

This ruling is extended also to the other tálukas of the Panch Maháls where survey fields in occupation and cultivation are situated within forest reserves except in the case of fields which may have been specifically transferred to the Forest Department for revenue management. (G. R. Nos. 4485, dated 2nd September 1878, and No. 6717, dated 20th December 1880.)

2. All 'outbandi' and other forest villages should be removed from the charge of the Forest Department and placed under the management of the Revenue Department. (G. R. No. 3558, dated 31st May 1882.)

3. The Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier, is authorized to incur expenditure in connection with the forests called the Dickenson and Macaulay Belos up to Rs. 500 in any one year subject to the proviso that the sum is available from receipts on account of the Belos. The previous sanction of the Commissioner in Sind should be obtained in every case in which it is necessary to incur expenditure in excess of Rs. 50. (G. R., F. D., No. 1792, dated 20th May 1884.)

4. As an experimental measure the management of the forests in the Modása Petha in the Ahmedabad District should remain with the Collector, and the agency of the village officers should be utilized for conservation of the forests. Village officers should be paid for the collection of forest receipts on the scale sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 1511, dated 11th March 1887. The revenue derived from these forests should be credited to "Land Revenue" and all charges should also be debited to the same head. (G. Rs. Nos. 1551, dated 6th March 1888, and 3509, dated 30th May 1888.)

5. The entire control as regards the working and management of the Thar and Párkar forest reserves, as also their receipts and expenditure, should remain with the Deputy Commissioner in charge of the district, who should for this special purpose be treated as a forest disburser and allowed to render his accounts direct to the Accountant General. The transactions of these forests should, however, be incorporated with those of the Sind Circle, and the revenue should be credited wholly to "Forests." (G. I., R. & A., No. 1003-F., dated 20th September 1893; *vide* G. Rs. Nos. 7405, dated 11th October, and 8253, dated 11th November 1893.)